Old age Pension in Madhya Pradesh

675. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Miinster of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old|infirm persons in receipt of old age|infirmity pesion in the State of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that old age people in the State put in the category of dependents are being denied the benefit of pension by the authorities;

(c) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to see that old age pension is not denied to any of the old person?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d): Information is being collected from the State Government.

Supply of Books and Stationery Free of Cost to ST Students in M. P.

676. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned a plan to provide books and stationery free of cost to students of Scheduled Tribes studying in Government colleges in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to extend this facility to the stndents of Scheduled Castes in the state; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d): The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to send the requisite information which on its receipt, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Free of Cost Hostel facilities to SC|ST

677. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide more hostel facilities to the post matriculation students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide these facilities free of cost to these students; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SRRI SITARAM KESRI): (a): No such specific decision has been taken in respect of M.P.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c) However the Government is providing facilities to the SC|ST students in the existing hostels free of cost.

(d) Question does not arise.

Diversion of SC|ST Fund by State Governments

678. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA). Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "The Pioneer" New Delhi dated the 2nd January, 1993 captioned 'Frivolous Diversion of SC|ST Funds by State Governments';

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop the diversion of funds; and

(c) the names of the States which have diverted the S.C., S.T. Welfare funds?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter has been taken up with the State Governments to ascertain the facts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think it is impossible to proceed in this atmosphere. I adjourn the House till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned at fifty three minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty one minutes past two of the clock, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (Shri V. Narayanasamy) in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Hindustan Prefab Limited, Jaipur and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Thirty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Prefab Limited, Jaipur, for the year 1991-92, together with the Auditors' Report on the Account and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Company (Placed in Library See No. LT 3381|93 for (I))

II. A copy each (in Engish and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi, for the year 1991-92, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above (Placed in Library *See* No LT No. 3382/93 for]

Report (July 1988 to June 1989) of the Commissions for Linguistic Minorities and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Twenty-ninth Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities in India, for the period from July 1988 to June 1989, under clause (2) of article 350 B of the Constitution.

(ii) Explanatory Note giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above [Placed in Library *See* No. LT 3402|93)

Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Food Corporation of India, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of section 35 of the Food Corporation Act, 1964: —

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Food Corporation of India, New Delhi, for the year 1991-92, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay